

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MILTON B. DORTCH JR.,

Petitioner,

vs.

TODD WASMER, Warden;

Respondent.

8:20CV120

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus ([filing no. 1](#))¹ and a Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis ([filing no. 9](#)). Habeas corpus cases attacking the legality of a person's confinement require the payment of a \$5.00 filing fee. [28 U.S.C. § 1914\(a\)](#). However, after considering Petitioner's financial status as shown in the records of this court (*see* inmate trust account information at filing nos. [8](#) & [10](#)), leave to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted and Petitioner is relieved from paying the filing fee. *See* [28 U.S.C. § 1915\(a\)\(1\)](#).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that: Petitioner's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis ([filing no. 9](#)) is granted. The next step in this case is for the court to conduct a preliminary review of the habeas corpus petition in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 cases. The court will conduct this review in its normal course of business.

¹ Upon initial filing, the petition was unsigned, and the clerk of the court entered a Text Notice of Signature Deficiency requiring Petitioner to correct the deficiency. Petitioner filed a signed copy of the petition on April 20, 2020. ([Filing No. 1-3](#).)

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Kopf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "K".

Richard G. Kopf
Senior United States District Judge